REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Picture 8
Other Known Title:	Untitledred.bmp
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Christchurch
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
Date of entry in Register:	06 May 2008
Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	800406
Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *Picture 8* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The publication contains a sexual image of a child. The pose focuses the viewer's attention on the girl's naked body and especially on her developing breasts. A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. By presenting a sexualised image of a young girl, the publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children. Such images also advance the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.